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SUBJECT: SAG CONTRACTS FOR 10 MORE C-130'S FROM LOCKHEED

1. HEAD OF LOCKHEED C-130 OPERATION IN SAUDI ARABIA, HERB MACK INFORMED EMBASSY YESTERDAY THAT A CONTRACT WAS SIGNED SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, BY SAG FOR TEN MORE C-130'S DELIVERY OF PLANES WILL START JULY 1977 AND WILL BE COMPLETED DECEMBER OF THE SAME YEAR. THIS WILL BRING SAAF COMPLEMENT OF C-130 AIRCRAFT TO 38 AT THE END OF 1977. MACK DID NOT KNOW BALL-PARK FIGURE OF CONTRACT'S VALUE, BUT EMBASSY ASSUMES IT IS ABOVE VALUE OF 1973 CONTRACT FOR 10 PLANES WHICH AMOUNTED TO \$63 MILLION.

2. IN THE SAME CONVERSATION, MR. MACK MENTIONED THAT C-130'S WERE USED ON CARGO RUNS FROM EUROPE TO CLEAR OUT BACKLOG WHEN AIR SAUDIA CARGO SHIPMENTS WERE OVERBOOKED. HE SAID THIS HAPPEND AT LEAST THREE TIMES A YEAR.

3. IN ADDITION, MR. MACK MENTIONED THAT THE SAUDIS WOULD

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GET QUICK DELIVERY ON TWO ADDITIONAL L1011'S IF THEY

EXERCISED THEIR OPTION FOR THEM. REASONS IS THAT 2 US
AIRLINE COMPANIES ARE UNABLE TO FINANCE THEIR PURCHASE
OF NEW TRISTARS AND HAVE HAD TO CANCEL THEIR ORDERS.
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